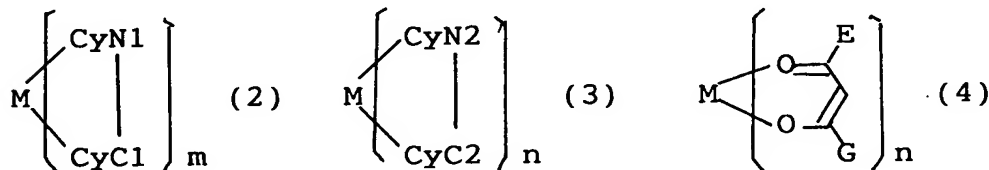


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A metal coordination compound represented by formula (1) below:



5 wherein M is a metal atom of Ir, Pt, Rh or Pd; L and L' are mutually different bidentate ligands; m is 1, 2 or 3 and n is 0, 1 or 2 with the proviso that m+n is 2 or 3; a partial structure  $ML_m$  is represented by formula (2) shown below and a partial structure  $ML'_n$  is represented by formula (3) or (4) shown below:



15 wherein CyN1 and CyN2 are each cyclic group capable of having a substituent, including a nitrogen atom and bonded to the metal atom M via the nitrogen atom; CyC1 and CyC2 are each cyclic group capable of having a substituent, including a carbon atom and bonded to the metal atom M via the carbon atom with the proviso that the cyclic group CyN1 and the cyclic group CyC1 are bonded to each other via a covalent bond and the cyclic group CyN2 and the cyclic group CyC2 are bonded to each other via a covalent bond;

25 the optional substituent of the cyclic groups is selected from a halogen atom, cyano group, a nitro group, a trialkylsilyl group of which the alkyl groups

are independently a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms of which the alkyl group can include one or non-neighboring two or more methylene groups that can be replaced with -O-, -S-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO-, -CH=CH- or -C≡C-, and the alkyl group can include a hydrogen atom that can be optionally replaced with a fluorine atom; or an aromatic group capable of having a substituent which is selected from an aromatic group capable of having a substituent (that is a halogen atom, a cyano atom, a nitro atom, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms of which the alkyl group can include one or non-neighboring two or more methylene groups that can be replaced with -O-, -S-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO-, -CH=CH- or -C≡C-, and the alkyl group can include a hydrogen atom that can be optionally replaced with a fluorine atom), a halogen atom, a cyano atom, a nitro atom, and a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms (of which the alkyl group can include one or non-neighboring two or more methylene groups that can be replaced with -O-, -S-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO-, -CH=CH- or -C≡C-, and the alkyl group can include a hydrogen atom that can be optionally replaced with a fluorine atom);

E and G are independently a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms of

which the alkyl group can include a hydrogen atom that  
can be optionally replaced with a fluorine atom, or an  
aromatic group capable of having a substituent (that  
is a halogen atom, a cyano atom, a nitro atom, a  
trialkylsilyl group of which the alkyl groups are  
independently a linear or branched alkyl group having  
1 - 8 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkyl group  
having 1 to 20 carbon atoms of which the alkyl group  
can include one or non-neighboring two or more  
methylene groups that can be replaced with -O-, -S-,  
-CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO-, -CH=CH- or -C≡C-, and the alkyl  
group can include a hydrogen atom that can be  
optionally replaced with a fluorine atom; and  
the cyclic groups CyN1, CyN2, CyC1 and CyC2  
have at least one aromatic substituent capable of  
having a substituent which is selected from an  
aromatic group capable of having a substituent (that  
is a halogen atom, a cyano atom, a nitro atom, a  
linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon  
atoms of which the alkyl group can include one or non-  
neighboring two or more methylene groups that can be  
replaced with -O-, -S-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO-, -CH=CH-  
or -C≡C-, and the alkyl group can include a hydrogen  
atom that can be optionally replaced with a fluorine  
atom), a halogen atom, a cyano atom, a nitro atom, a  
linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon  
atoms of which the alkyl group can include one or non-

neighboring two or more methylene groups that can be replaced with -O-, -S-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO-, -CH=CH- or -C≡C-, and the alkyl group can include a hydrogen atom that can be optionally replaced with a fluorine atom).

2. A metal coordination compound according to Claim 1, including a partial structure  $ML'_n$  represented by the formula (3) in the formula (1).

3. A metal coordination compound according to Claim 1, including a partial structure  $ML'_n$  represented by the formula (4) in the formula (1).

4. A metal coordination compound according to Claim 1, wherein n is 0 in the formula (1).

5. A metal coordination compound according to Claim 1, wherein in the formula (2), CyN1 is pyridyl group and CyC1 is naphthyl group.

6. A metal coordination compound according to Claim 1, wherein in the formula (2), CyN1 is pyridyl group and CyC1 is thienyl group.

7. A metal coordination compound according to Claim 1, wherein in the formula (2), CyN1 is pyridyl

group and CyCl is benzothienyl group.

8. An electroluminescence device, comprising: a pair of electrodes disposed on a substrate, and a luminescence unit comprising at least one organic compound disposed between the electrodes, wherein the organic compound comprises a metal coordination compound represented by the formula (1) in Claim 1.

9. A metal coordination compound according to Claim 8, including a partial structure  $ML'_n$  represented by the formula (3) in the formula (1).

10. A metal coordination compound according to Claim 8, including a partial structure  $ML'_n$  represented by the formula (4) in the formula (1).

11. A metal coordination compound according to Claim 8, wherein  $n$  is 0 in the formula (1).

12. An electroluminescence device according to Claim 8, wherein a voltage is applied between the electrodes to emit light.

13. An electroluminescence device according to Claim 8, wherein a voltage is applied between the electrodes to emit phosphorescence.

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